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## Better Deal

It may be that criticism of James Donovan's latest exchange, whereby New York State gave up a convicted slayer and the U.S. dropped sabotage charges against three Castro Cubans in exchange for 21 Americans and Cuban-Americans in Castro Cuba, prompted President Kennedy to disclose that among the 21 freed by Castro were three members of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Whatever the reason, the disclosure should serve to temper the criticism, including that carried in this newspaper editorially.

Earlier "bargains" negotiated by Mr. Donovan (Spy-master Abel for erring pilot Powers and more than \$50 million in drugs, food and scientific instruments for 1,113 prisoners seized at the Bay of Pigs) still look dubious. The latest exchange looks better as all the facts emerge.

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